

1           In the Claims:

2           Claims 89, 90, and 98-111 were pending at the time of the Office Action.

3           Claims 89 and 90 were previously withdrawn from consideration.

4           Claims 98-111 are rejected.

5           Please cancel claims 89, 90 and 98-111 without prejudice.

6           Please add new claims 112-122 as indicated below in the listing of claims.

7           Accordingly, claims 112-122 are pending.

9           Listing of Claims:

10           **Claims 1-111**         (Canceled)

11           **112.** (New) A chip socket assembly comprising:

12           a chip package having a contact side, the contact side comprising a plurality  
13           of compliant contacts, the contacts adapted for detachable electrical coupling to a  
14           circuit board, the chip package having second and third sides formed with  
15           oppositely disposed protrusions;

16           an integrated circuit disposed within the chip package, the integrated circuit  
17           electrically coupled to the plurality of compliant contacts; and

18           a base formed with oppositely disposed clip portions to receive the chip  
19           package, the clip portions formed with sockets to detachably engage the chip  
20           package protrusions.

1           **113.** (New) The chip socket assembly of claim 112, wherein the contacts  
2 are adapted for direct engagement to the circuit board.  
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4           **114.** (New) The chip socket assembly of claim 112, further including an  
5 elastomeric connector, the elastomeric connector interposed between the circuit  
6 board and the base, and wherein the contacts are adapted for engaging the  
7 elastomeric connector.  
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9           **115.** (New) The chip socket assembly of claim 114, wherein the contacts  
10 are compressible and the elastomeric connector is cylindrical, providing spring  
11 force when the contacts are compressed.  
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13           **116.** (New) The chip socket assembly of claim 112, wherein the contacts  
14 are compressible and the contact side of the chip package is extended to form a  
15 pocket into which the contacts extend when compressed.  
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17           **117.** (New) The chip socket assembly of claim 112, further comprising:  
18            a pin extending from the chip package; and  
19            a slotted guide in the base configured to receive the pin and guide the chip  
20 package into the base.  
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22           **118.** (New) The chip socket assembly of claim 112, wherein the contacts  
23 are substantially C-shaped.  
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1           **119.** (New) The chip socket assembly of claim 112, wherein the contacts  
2 comprise beryllium-copper.

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4           **120.** (New) The chip socket assembly of claim 112, wherein the chip  
5 package comprises a flexible material.

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7           **121.** (New) The chip socket assembly of claim 112, wherein the chip  
8 package comprises silicone rubber.

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10          **122.** (New) The chip socket assembly of claim 112, wherein the  
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